

Given the revisions being considered by the FCC regarding unshackling the constraints prohibiting media monopolies perhaps we should consider another revision. It seems much more appropriate to term it the "medium" rather than the "media". Consolidation of all regional press outlets to a single owner cannot have but deleterious consequences for the quality and expanse of the coverage. It will reduce the pathway of information to an isolated authoritarian conduit with the concomitant silencing of any dissenting opinion. Independent of any economic concerns, the media exists first and foremost to inform. Narrow ownership of media outlets serves to undermine/deprave this fundamental function of the press. Without diverse and diligent news gathering matters of importance will be swept aside in the interests of bureaucratic and financial slipstreaming. I really hope you reconsider your decision to reconsider. In these times we need more information from all corners to influence our judgments and temper our prejudice not a sustained reverberation of the official position.